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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-53  
October 26, 2015**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov)

APPLICANT: Signal Peak Energy, LLC  
100 Portal Drive  
Roundup, MT 59072

FACILITY NAME: Bull Mountain Mine No. 1

FACILITY LOCATION: 127 PM Coal Road  
Roundup, MT 59072  
Musselshell County

RECEIVING WATER: Rehder Creek and ephemeral tributaries

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0028983

This is a major modification of the MPDES permit for the Signal Peak Energy, LLC, Bull Mountain Mine No. 1. The facility discharges to Rehder Creek and ephemeral tributaries. The modification includes the addition of one outfall (Outfall 011) to the existing permit.

As specified in the Administrative Rules of Montana at ARM 17.30.1361 only the permit conditions described above are subject to this public notice and comment period. All other provisions of the permit remain in effect and are not reopened.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 20, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 25, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov).

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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